

WASHINGTON, DC—The House of Representatives today approved a resolution honoring the University of Portland's championship women's soccer team. Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) introduced the resolution, House Resolution 41, last week.

"I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to recognize the achievements of the Pilots on the House floor," said Blumenauer. "This resolution is a fitting tribute to the accomplishments of the coaches, players and the University of Portland."

The University of Portland Pilots won the 2002 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Championship on December 8, 2002 in a hard fought, double-overtime victory against reigning 2001 champion Santa Clara University. The win by the Pilots is the first national championship in any sport for the University of Portland.

Blumenauer lauded the team's accomplishments during debate on the resolution. He was joined by colleagues congratulating the team and giving credit to the Title IX program for providing opportunities for women in sports.

The entire House congressional delegation from Oregon joined Blumenauer in sponsoring the resolution. The team has also been invited to the White House to meet President George Bush on Friday, February 24.